

**USA Swimming  
Meeting of the Central Zone  
Greensboro, NC  
September 13-14, 2012**

**Thursday, September 13, 2012**

The meeting was called to order. Roll call indicated that all LSCs were present.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** Delegates were welcomed by Paul Thompson and guests were introduced.

**Agenda Additions:** Additional candidate for non-coach director position is Bob Welch, IL. Addition of a Zone Diversity Meet in 2013 (with bidding) and Zone Diversity Camp in 2014 (with bidding), as well as an additional bidder for the Central States Senior Championship in 2014.

**Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** Minutes of the 2011 CZ meeting including the 2011 Treasurer's report were posted in the CZ website and included in the delegates' meeting packet. **Motion** was made to accept the minutes and treasurer's report as published. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Report from Randy Julian:** Randy thanked the zone for its continued support and indicated that he would be traveling and conducting several Swimposiums.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Zone Director:** The report from the USA Swimming Board of Directors by Paul Thompson and Dave Anderson was distributed.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** The current report of the secretary/treasurer is included in the meeting packet.

**Athlete Representative:** The athlete representative was not present to give a report.

**Reports of Appointed Officers:**

**Officials:** Jim Sullins thanked CZ officials for a great turn-out at all meets. Participation numbers were included in his written report. Mentoring is needed to make sure there is continuity for the officials' chair.

**Records:** Betty Kooy gave the records report (posted on CZ website). A total of 29 new 14 & U records were set – 20 at Pleasant Prairie and 9 at Columbus. Eight new records were set at the Senior meet in Lawrence.

**Disability Swimming:** Kyle Smith gave the disability report including numbers of disability swimmers participating in the Paralympic Games and the CZ swimmers and coaches receiving disability awards. A coach education workshop is planned for late April/early May of 2013.

**Diversity Swimming:** Pam Lowenthal reported on proposals. Kathy Mendez gave the report for the CZ Diversity Select Camp that was held in OK. The camp included 35 athletes. Four of the CZ LSCs did not send anyone to the diversity camp. Funding is needed and OK was able to secure some corporate funds. Sabir Muhammad was the national athlete at the camp.

**Diversity Meet and Camp Proposal: Recommendation** is to hold a Diversity meet in the odd years and a Diversity camp in the even years.

**Bidding** on the Diversity meet for 2013 were Patriot Aquatics of IL (with dates of June 8-9, 2013) and STAR of MN (with dates of June 21-23 and piggy-backed on their already scheduled open meet).

**Awarding of bid** for 2013 Diversity meet – by vote – to Patriot Aquatics of Lincolnshire, IL

**Bidding** on the Diversity camp for 2014 were STAR of MN with the camp to be held at the University of Minnesota and Pleasant Prairie WI.

**Awarding of bid** for 2014 Diversity camp – by vote – to Pleasant Prairie/Kenosha WI.

**Introduction of Candidates...**and short comment from Frank Busch, national team director, on the impressive numbers of Central Zone athletes who have places on the national team and the national junior team.

**Open Water:**

**Open Water Proposal:** Proposal was made by Rick Walker for the Central Zone to host one Central Zone Open Water Championship during the long course season rather than the three attached to each of the Zone meets. **Motion** was made to accept the proposal. **Seconded. Approved.** It is recommended to put together a Task Force for the 2013 meet to set up the particulars of the meet.

**Championship Meet Coordinators:**

Tina McCauley – for Columbus, IN – Report is in packet.

Cindy Wigness – for Pleasant Prairie, WI – Report is in packet (not in attendance at convention)

Paul Thompson – for Lawrence, KS – Report is in packet. Paul recommended CZ continue support for the Senior meet in 2013.

**Other Reports:**

**Age Group Development:** Tony Young gave reports for Age Group Development Committee and the IMX meets. AGD had presentations on retaining boys, successful businesses, best practices with summaries available from Tony. IMX Games for CZ will be in Indianapolis, November 17-18, 2012. LSCs and clubs are encouraged to attend.

**LEAP Program Updates:** Arlene McDonald announced that Lake Erie LSC is the first Level 3 LSC. Kudos to LE! MI, MN, and ND have completed Level 1. Several are in the pipeline. LEAP will be reassessed for the next quad and plans will be revised somewhat. Indianapolis will be hosting an All Star meet in January and would like a few more LSCs to participate.

**Central Zone Championship Meet Funding Proposal: Zone Directors:** There will be no extra funding for Sectional or Zone level meets in the next quad. The funding is as follows: \$3000-Open Water; \$10,000-Age Group Meet(s); \$10,000-Senior meet. The Zone may determine the distribution of funding for the meets based on the total and recommendations from zone meet committee.

**Section Reports:**

**Section 1** –Mike Lawrence

**Section 3** –Tina McCauley

**Region 8** –Paul Thompson

**Championship Meet Evaluation Committee:** Committee will meet immediately following this meeting and will be chaired by Tina McCauley and Paul Thompson. LSCs were urged to send representation.

**2013 Site Selection Bid Presentations:**

**Bids for 2013 Senior Zone Meet:**

Lawrence – withdrawing from 2013 meet

**Bids** for August 2-4 from Bismarck, ND and University of Minnesota (for both 2013 and 2014).

**Roll call vote** for site for 2013 – University of Minnesota

**Bids for 2013 14 & Under Meet:**

**Bid** from Geneva OH SPIRE (one site already awarded to Topeka, KS)

**Motion** to accept SPIRE as the 2<sup>nd</sup> host for 2013. **Seconded. Accepted.**

**Bids for 2014 Senior Zone Meet:**

**Bids** from Bismarck and Minnesota.

**Motion** to accept dates of August 1-3 for the 2014 Senior Meet. **Seconded. Defeated.**

**Roll call vote** for site for 2014 – University of Minnesota (August 8-10 dates)

**Bids for 2014 14 & Under Meets:**

**Bid** from Geneva OH SPIRE

**Motion** to accept SPIRE as one host for 2014 (dates August 1-3). **Seconded. Accepted.**

Bid for second site will be solicited.

**Site Selection for 2013:** Damon Robertson will head the site selection (determining which LSCs attend which 14 & U meet in 2013)

**Nominations for Non-Coach Zone Director position:** Nominated for position are Steve Potter MI, and Bob Welch, IL. Voting will take place on Friday.

**Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer:** Nominated is Betty Kooy MW. With no other nominations from the floor, **motion** was made to elect by acclamation. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Athlete Representative:** Athlete representative is to be elected in even-numbered years, so the athletes need to elect an athlete representative – to be elected on Friday.

**Appointed Offices:** The officers are seeking nominations for the appointed coordinators. Names should be given to Paul Thompson or Dave Anderson.

**Announcements:** Meetings immediately following this meeting will be held in this room – Meet evaluation committee, and any others.

**Motion to Adjourn (9:20 pm). Seconded.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Kooy, Secretary

**Friday, September 14, 2012**

**Roll call** indicated all LSCs were present.

**Introductions of Guests:**

**Announcements:** Athletes will meet with Damon Robertson for election of their new athlete representative. Seasonal athletes will be eligible for the Zone Diversity meet.

**Request for bids/site** for the 2013 Open Water Zone Championship meet.

**Report of the Site Selection Committee:** Damon Robertson announced the attendance sites for 2013 – OH/SPIRE – IN, IL, LE, MI, OH; KS/TSA – AR, IA, MN, MW, MV, ND, OK, OZ, SD, WI

**Old Business:**

**2013 Senior Meet** – MN has a conflict and is withdrawing their bid. Two sites in ND were proposed – Bismarck and Grand Forks. By **roll call vote**, bid was given to Bismarck.

**2013 Open Water Meet: Bid** was presented by George Geanon for Pleasant Prairie, WI. **Motion** was made to accept Pleasant Prairie as the site for the CZ 2013 Open Water Meet with dates in June TBA. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Old Business:**

**Athlete Election:** Dan Crocker of IN was elected. (Dan will not be able to serve – elected to National position)

**Election for Director-Non-Coach:** Steve Potter was elected as non-coach director for a two year term.

**New Business:**

**Recommendations regarding Legislation from the Championship Meet Evaluation Committee:** Tina McCauley presented the legislative packet.

An **omnibus motion** was made to accept the package as written. Items 2, 4, 5, and 6 were pulled. **Seconded. Approved.**

**R-2** – Need to amend to have correct rule reference. **Motion** to amend. **Seconded. Approved. Motion** to accept as amended. **Seconded. Approved.**

**R-4** – **Motion** to amend to include ‘competing’ and ‘provable’. **Seconded. Approved. Motion** to accept as amended. **Seconded. Approved.**

**R-5** – **Motion** to amend to include anyone with qualifying times. Motion was **withdrawn. Motion** to accept as written. **Seconded. Approved.**

**R-6** – **Motion** to amend to strike HS/JrHi references. **Seconded. Defeated. Motion** to amend to include ‘conducted under the auspices of’. **Seconded. Approved. Motion** to accept as amended. **Seconded. Approved.**

Sid Cassidy invited CZ LSCs to participate in the All Star Open Water competition in FL April 26-28.

**Motion** was made to destroy the ballots. **Seconded. Approved.**

**Thanks:** CZ expressed thanks to Paul Thompson for his four years of dedicated service as CZ non-coach director with a plaque. Paul’s leadership has been nothing short of exemplary!

**Motion** was made to adjourn. **Seconded.**

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Betty Kooy, CZ Secretary

## **Resolutions and Order:**

Special thanks to the host sites for the 2012 Zone Championship Meets:

- Pleasant Prairie, WI. Columbus, IN. and Lawrence, KS.

Many thanks to the representatives of the Central Zone who hosted outstanding Championship events this year:

- Pleasant Prairie Rec Plex, WI, Central Zone 14-Under Age Group Championship Meet August 3-5, 2012. Plus Open Water.
- Donner Swim Club – IN Central Zone 14-Under Age Group Championship Meet Aug. 3-5, 2012.
- Lawrence AquaHawk Swim Club –MV Central Zone Central States Senior Championship Meet Aug. 3-5, 2012.
- Region VIII Spring Sectional Meet, Jenks, OK March 1-4, 2012 (LCM).
- Region VIII Summer Sectional Meet, Columbia, MO. July 18-21, 2012.
- Section 3 Summer Sectional Meet Oxford, OH. July 31-Aug. 3, 2012
- Section 3 Spring Sectional Meet Oxford OH. March 22-25, 2012
- Section 1 Summer Sectional Meet, Iowa City, IA July 19-21, 2012.
- Section 1 Spring Sectional Meet Pleasant Prairie, WI. March 8-11, 2012.
- 2012 Missouri Grand Prix Columbia, MO. Feb. 10-12, 2012
- 2012 Ohio State Grand Prix Columbus, OH March 9-11, 2012
- 2012 Indy Grand Prix Indianapolis, IN March 29-31, 2012
- 2012 US Open IUPUI Natatorium, Indianapolis, IN Aug. 7-11 2012
- 2012 Speedo Junior National IUPUI, IN Aug. 13-17, 2012
- 2012 US Olympic Trials Omaha, NE.

## Upcoming National Level Competitions in the Central Zone 2012-2013

- 2012-2013 IMXtreme Games Sites & dates Central Zone Importance:
  - Indianapolis, IN IU Natatorium Indianapolis, IN. November 17-18, 2012
  - Greenville, SC Westside park and Aquatic Complex Greenville, SC. Oct 13-14, 2012
  - San Antonio, TX, NISD Natatorium San Antonio, TX, November 16-18, 2012
  - Mesa, AZX Kino Aquatic Center, Mesa, AZ. Nov. 16-18, 2012
  - Washington, DC PG Sports & Learning Center, Washington DC, Jan. 25-27, 2013
- L.C. CSRVIII Sectional (Spring) Jenks, OK. March 7-10, 2013. SCY Venue. Closed event.
- L.C. CSRVIII Sectional (Summer) Columbia, MO. July 17-20, 2013. Closed Event
- Section 3 Sectional Meet (Spring) Geneva, OH March 21-24, 2013. Open Event
- Section 3 Sectional Meet (Summer) Oxford, OH July 22-July 25, 2013.
- Section 1 Sectional Meet (Spring) Waukesha, WI March 7-10, 2013.
- Section 1 Sectional Meet (Summer) Minneapolis, MN. July 17-20 2013.
- 2013 Phillips66 USA Swimming National Championships (World Championship Trials)  
IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN. June 25-29, 2013

## 2012 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

### Central Zone

CZ R- 1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Senior Championship Meet Template

**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To establish clear expectation for warm-ups for the Senior Championship Meet.

**Current:** Nothing

**Proposed:** Outline of specific warm-up procedures for the Senior meet with time lines and specifics for both prelims and finals. Specific proposal was attached to be incorporated into the senior meet template.

CZ R- 2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Senior Championship Meet Template

**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To establish clear expectation of scratch deadlines for the Senior Championship Meet.

**Current:** Nothing

**Proposed:** Specific scratch and check-in procedures to be listed clearly in the meet template. Reference to the USA Swimming National Scratch Procedure Rules (207.11.6.D) will be inserted. Specific proposal was attached to be incorporated into the senior meet template.

CZ R- 3	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Senior Championship Meet Template

**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To establish clear expectations for time standards for bonus events.

**Current:** Bonus Events:

# of Qualified Events	# of Bonus Events
1	2
2	1
3+	0

**Proposed:** Bonus Events:

# of Qualified Events	# of Bonus Events
1	2

2	1
3+	0

There are no time standards for bonus events. The 800 and the Mile cannot be swam as bonus events.

CZ R- 4	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Senior Championship Meet Template

**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To establish clear expectation for relay only swimmers.

**Current:** A. Each entering club is responsible for relay entries.  
B. Included relay-only swimmers on OME.

**Proposed:** C. Competing relays must include at least one swimmer with a provable qualifying time.

CZ R- 5	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Senior Championship Meet Template

**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To allow 15-18 year olds to compete if they have a Jr. National Cut.

**Current:** Swimmers who are 15-18 years old and have achieved an individual event qualifying time for the USA Swimming Summer Junior Nationals, USA Swimming Summer Nationals or US Open shall not be eligible to compete in that particular stroke and distance, including relay events.

**Proposed:** Swimmers who are 15-18 years old and have achieved an individual event qualifying time for ~~the USA Swimming Summer Junior Nationals~~, USA Swimming Summer Nationals or US Open shall not be eligible to compete in that particular stroke and distance, including relay events.

CZ R- 6	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Senior Championship Meet Template

**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To increase meet participation by allowing times to be accepted from meets that are not in the SWIMS Database.

**Current:** All qualifying individual and relay times must be provable in SWIMS Database at the meet. Times not provable will be subject to fine established USA Swimming Central Zone.

**Proposed:** All qualifying individual entry times not and relay times must be provable in the SWIMS Database may be proven by submitting meet results from at the meet. ~~Times not provable will be subject to fine established USA Swimming Central Zone.~~ College, High School, Junior High, YWCA or YMCA meets **which were sanctioned by** their respective governing organizations.

Times not proven by the SWIMS Database will be flagged on the psych sheet (\*). **Proof of time must be provided 15 minutes after the General Meeting. If No proof of time is provided, the swimmer will be scratched from the event.**

The responsibility of proving times lies with the entering club. Host will submit an exceptions report to each participating Club Designee by noon Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_.

**Verification / Proof-of-Time must be in accordance with the type of time entered (LCM, SCY, or SCM).** Clubs are responsible for presenting any results they wish to use, and may send copies along with their hard copy.

CZ R- 7	ACTION:	<b>Adopted</b>	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Senior Championship Meet Template

**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To establish a protest form to be used for both the 14U and Senior Championship Meets.

**Current:** Nothing

**Proposed:** Copy of proposed protest form was submitted, to be included in meet templates/documents for both 14 & U and Senior meets.

CZ R- 8	ACTION:	<b>Adopted</b>	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, 14U Championship Meet Template

**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To establish clear order of events for athletes.

**Current:** Current numbering was attached.

**Proposed:** Proposal to change numbering system for 14 & U meet to begin with 1 for the first Friday morning event and number consecutively for the 11 & Over events and to begin with 101 for the Friday afternoon 10 & U events and number consecutively for the 10 & U events.

CZ HK- 1	ACTION:	<b>Adopted</b>	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Appendix E



**Proposed by:** Championship Meet Evaluation Committee  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To update the manual be in line with current meet formats.

**Current:** 18U Template Championship Template, 14U Championship Template, Senior Championship Template, and Open Water Template

**Proposed:** Remove the 18U Template

CZ HK- 2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Location:** Central Zone Manual, Officers 5.5.7.3

**Proposed by:** National Athlete Rep  
Tina McCauley, Championship Meet Coordinator

**Rationale:** To establish term for athlete representative in accordance with serving on the Athlete Executive Committee.

**Current:** Nothing

**Proposed:** (8) Serve a two (2) year team to be elected in even years.

**Notes from Technical Planning Meeting  
Central Zone  
September 12, 2012**

**Purpose of Meeting:**

- Review Championship Meets (prior to break-out session, Thursday evening – make recommendations)
- Discussion
- New Items

**Recommendation – Official Protest Form:**

Form was submitted and recommended to be included in Zone Meet templates. There was discussion of need for need for document for eligibility jury. It was decided that recommended form will work for all protests. Form will be included in templates.

**Senior Meet:**

Time standards for bonus events was discussed. Because of the size of the meet it was recommended that bonus events have no time standards. It was also recommended that the 800/1500 not be included as possible bonus events – for those events swimmer must have a qualifying time.

Those present are still recommending two relays per team. No relay team may be made up entirely of relay-only swimmers. At least one swimmer on the relay team must be qualified for the meet and swim in the meet.

Regarding Junior National qualifiers, those present are still recommending inclusion of the Junior National swimmers.

Regarding college swimmers with no USA observed qualifying time in the database, those present are recommending that times from other meets be allowed (OME overrides) and that entry times must be proven by the end of the General meeting (if times are not in SWIMS) with meet results.

**Age Group Meets:**

SWAD – Needs to stay in the meet letter and possibly posted elsewhere as swimmers are not aware. Entries still have to come through the LSC entry chair.

Numbering is confusing. Tina will address that.

Discussion regarding National Scratch Rule – consensus to leave wording alone.

**Open Water:**

Recommendation coming for Open Water for a separate Central Zone Open Water Championship to be held at a proven site with quality meet management and an experienced officials crew. Meet would not be tied to the age group meets. Three separate OW meets are just not economically justifiable. Recommendation is that it be earlier in the summer and piggy-backed on an Open Water camp. Also recommended that it be LSC attended with age of swimmer up to 19.

**Funding:**

There will be no increases in funding from USA Swimming for the next quad.

Open Water - \$3000.00

Age Group Meet(s) - \$10,000

Senior Championship - \$10,000

Zone has been given the ability to appropriate the \$23,000 among the four meets.